

REMARKS

Claims 2-13 and 23-28 were pending in the present application. Claims 2-7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer herein. Thus claims 8-13 and 23-28 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants note that in the listing of claims presented in the response filed September 9, 2003, claims 9, 10, and 13 contained typographical errors not present in the claims as originally filed. Specifically, in claim 9, the term " $y_1(x+1)$ " on line 2 thereof should have read " $y/(x+1)$ " to properly reflect the original form of the claim. In claim 10, line 5, the term "AID" should have read "A/D" to properly reflect the original form of the claim. In claim 13, lines 5 and 8 the term "AID" should have read "A/D" to properly reflect the original form of the claim and on lines 2 and 11, the term "ling" should have read "ring" to properly reflect the original form of the claim. Applicants further note that claims 9, 10, and 13 now properly reflect the correct original form in the listing of claims contained herein.

Claim 2-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Ashby, et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,095,233. Claims 2-7 are canceled herein rendering the rejection moot.

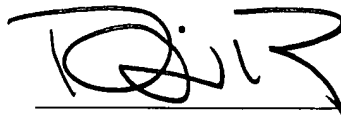
Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 8-13 and 23-28 are allowed.

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In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and a timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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